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CITY ACCEPTS HOUSEHOLD GREASE

TEMPLE, TX (July 28, 2014) – The City of Temple is now accepting waste vegetable oil (no shortening or hydrogenated oil) at the Solid Waste facility located at 3219 Bullseye Lane. This additional service will provide the citizens of Temple with the opportunity to dispose of their grease properly instead of washing it down the kitchen sink. Citizens need to check in at the Solid Waste office and then will be directed to the disposal area.

When citizens have finished cooking, they can collect the oils in a sealable container (such as an old glass jar or coffee can) that they can bring to the Solid Waste facility. The City asks that citizens be mindful not to put water, food waste, soap or any other substance in with the vegetable oil that they are disposing. For the grease that cannot be poured into the container, simply wipe pans clean with a paper towel and dispose of the paper towel in the trash. Scrape off excess food from pots, pans, and plates before rinsing them in the sink.

“When oil and grease go down the drain, it hardens and causes sewer pipes to clog,” says Lisa Sebek, Director of Solid Waste Services. “This can lead to a sewer overflow that can back up into homes, lawns, neighborhoods, and streets. If your pipes become clogged from putting oils and grease down the drain, it can be a very expensive problem to fix.” To avoid household, environmental damage, as well as a costly bill, the City of Temple encourages citizens to take part in this recycling effort.

Questions regarding this new recycling opportunity can be directed to the Recycling Division of Solid Waste Services. They can be contacted by telephone at (254) 298-5722 or via email at curbsiderecycling@templetx.gov.

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